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Sir:

Submitted herewith are:

Transmittal Form (1 page), Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (2 pages), Form PTO-1449 (1 page), Copy of International Search Report (4 pages); copy of references B41-B43, C92-C93; and return receipt postcard





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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97, Applicants hereby make of record the references listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449 for consideration by the Examiner in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. Copies of the references are enclosed.

REMARKS

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97, this statement is being filed (CHECK ONE):

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It is respectfully requested that each of the references shown on the attached Form PTO-1449 be made of record in this application.

STATEMENT

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